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1. Itinerary and Operations: A Swedish cargo ship arrived in Gdynia on 14 January 1954 from Kotka, Finland. She loaded a general cargo of Polish hams and baskets and sailed on 16 January 1954 for Gothenburg. The ship sails for her owners' account on the regular Swedish-American Line service which includes Gdynia.
2. Naval Vessels: Two Polish naval vessels were in the harbor. They could be described only as the Corvette type. No submarines or large naval craft were observed.
3. Port Security and Boarding: The ship was boarded at dockside by approximately thirty men bearing side arms. A thorough search was made of all compartments and lasted two hours. The outgoing search lasted three hours. A crew member accompanied the searchers, while the remainder of the crew was not mustered. No cameras were allowed. In contrast to usual procedure, the ship received no instruction in regard to maintaining radio silence in port. The boarding party appeared to be entirely composed of Polish nationals and there was no indication of a Soviet national being present. It is the source's opinion that the authorities have eased up on the boarding procedure.
4. Miscellaneous: About 50% of the crew went ashore without incident. There appeared to be a more strict supervision of currency handling than previously.

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